The moratorium has been declared in the general interest of the depositors of United Industrial Bank Ltd., Calcutta and is intended to provide a short period of transition during which period, Reserve Bank of India would be finalising its decision regarding future of the United Industrial Bank Ltd., Calcutta. In order to minimise the inconvenience that might be caused to the constituents and the general public during the operation of the moratorium, the United Industrial Bank Ltd., Calcutta has been permitted to make payments to the depositors upto 50% of the total balance in their accounts but not exceeding Rs. 10,000/- in the case of individuals and Rs. 25,000/- in the case of institutions.

Token strike by jute mill workers in West Bengal

351. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA :
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA :

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the 'one day' token strike on June 26, 1989 by more than 160,000 workers in 37 jute mills in West Bengal in response to a call by the Central trade unions demanding Union Governments' intervention for re-opening closed jute mills and payment of statutory arrears against provident fund, gratuity etc.: and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) : (a) and (b). It is a fact that workers in operating jute mills in West Bengal observed a one day token strike on June 26, 1989 in response to call given by Central trade unions demanding reopening of closed jute mills and payment of statutory arrears etc.

Matters relating to Industrial disputes fall within the jurisdiction of the State Government. It is understood that several rounds of talks have been held by them in this regard.

With a view to improve the performance of the jute sector the Central Government have initiated a number of policy measures like the Jute Modernisation Fund Scheme, Schemes for internal & external market assistance etc. Steps have also been taken to ensure availability of raw jute to mills.

Infiltration into North Eastern Region

352. SHRI K.V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item which appeared in the Hindustan Times dated the 22nd May, 1989 under the caption "Infiltration in North Eastern alarming"; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and what action has been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) and (b) BSF are guarding Indo-Bangladesh border. The number of persons apprehended during the year 1988 and 1989 (upto April) is furnished in the attached statement (*See* below). The State Government are also expected to apprehend the infiltrators who managed to evade the vigilance of BSF at the border and enter the State with the intention of setting down there. For this purpose, the State Governments

of Tripura, Assam, Meghalaya and West Bengal have been sanctioned some posts under the Prevention of Infiltration of Foreigners Scheme.

The expenditure on pay and allowances of the personnel of the PIF scheme is reimbursed by the Central Government to the States concerned.

Statement

Number of infiltrators apprehended by BSF on Indo-Bangaladesh border during the years 1988 *and* 1989 (*upto April*, 1989)

Sector of the Border	Year	Apprehended at the border	Pushed back	Handed over to State Police for necessary action
Assam . . .	1988	102	15	87
	1989 (upto April)	33	..	33
Meghalaya . .	1988	168	117	51
	1989 (upto April)	219	157	62
Tripura . . .	1988	1193	790	403
	1989 (upto April)	230	25	205
West Bengal . .	1988	23188	21370	1818
	1989 (upto April)	8952	7885	1067
Mizoram . . .	1988	1	1	..
	1989 (upto April)	..	..	..

Bandhs/strikes in the country due to Moga massacre in Punjab

353 SHRI K.V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to the massacre of RSS volunteers at Moga in Punjab recently bandhs and strikes were observed in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, whether any Government's property has been damaged during these agitations; if so, the details thereof;

(c) what was the estimated loss suffered by Government due to these agitations; and

(d) what steps were taken to meet the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the of the House.

(d) Since 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects it is the responsibility of the State Government to maintain public order and safeguard life and property. The Government of India constantly monitors and reviews the situation in the country, issues guidelines and provides all possible assistance to the State Governments for the enforcement of law and order.